

**Women's Policy Coalition Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Carvel State Office Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Fl Training Room**  
**820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**3:00-4:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Stella Harrison (OWAA), Rebecca Cotto (YWCA), Sarah Best (Planned Parenthood of Delaware), Marian Palley (Delaware Commission for Women), Melanie Ross Levin (OWAA), Sophia Sotilleo (AAUW), Carling Ryan (OWAA), Katherine Caudle (AFSCME Council 81)

Meeting began at 2:57pm

Marian opened the meeting with the suggestion that the Committee create an agenda for the upcoming March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The first item added to the agenda was approving the minutes. Next, Marian added the reporting out of events, specifically the AAUW pay equity event, so that other organizations on the committee can see how successful the event was.

After the AAUW event, Marian will announce upcoming events, which she'll request from organizations prior to the meeting on Friday. Melanie Ross Levin mentioned that she has put in a request with the State of Delaware to create an email listserv for the Coalition to better share these events. Marian mentioned that people can bring fliers until the listserv is up and running.

Next, Marian suggested that the Committee add an agenda item that would provide a legislative update on bills that fit the Coalition's interests. Sarah Best and Katherine Caudle will present on SB 19, SB 21, and HB 47, SB 8 respectively. Marian asked for a 5 minute or shorter presentation from each. Marian and Melanie also recognized that not everyone can take positions on the bills, and this is the challenge with a multi-issue women's group. Becca Cotto mentioned that the YWCA does not currently take positions on bills.

Melanie Ross Levin then discussed the upcoming speed meetings with legislators. The groups that signed up include: National Coalition of 100 Black Women, DE League of Women Voters, YWCA, CASE, Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, American Association of University Women, ACLU, Network Delaware Reproductive Justice, ERA Now, and the Delaware Fund for Women.

Melanie Ross Levin then discussed the importance of making sure organizations know their rights when it comes to advocacy. She is interested in providing a training to coalition members on advocating for issues as a 501c3 organization. Sarah Best recommended a training done by Drew Wilson, and Bolder Advocacy.

The next executive committee meeting was scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and the next full Coalition meeting was scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Best